

Remarks/Arguments

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in response to the Office Action mailed November 8, 2005, and to the Advisory Action mailed February 8, 2006.

Applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 51-59.

Claims 40, 41 and 56-50 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Cheng et al. Further, claims 40-50 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Stevens et al.. Claims 40-50 have been cancelled herein, rendering all outstanding rejections to these claims moot. The cancellation of these claims should not be construed as an admission that they are not allowable over the cited prior art and Applicant reserves his right to re-present these claims, and any other subject matter not yet claimed, by filing a continuation application directed thereto.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Advisory Action mailed on February 8, 2005 stated that the Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 30, 2006, was not considered due to lack of certification required under 37 CFR 1.97. The Information Disclosure Statement is being represented, together with a Request For Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider each of the references and make them of record in the application.

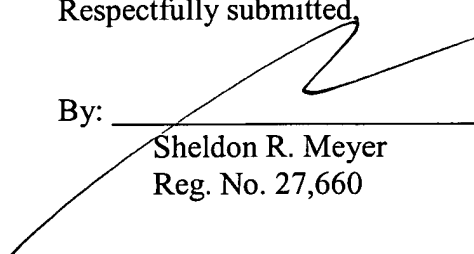
Conclusion

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application are allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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